

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. Contract ID Code		Page 1 of Pages 3									
2. Amendment/Modification No. Amendment 0002		3. Effective Date MAR 10, 2005		4. Requisition/Purchase Req. No. NAAX1000-5-00002		5. Project No. (if applicable)									
6. Issued By NOAA's HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING ACQUISITION OFFICE 1315 EAST WEST HIGHWAY, ROOM 9734 SILVER SPRING, MD 20190				7. Administered By (If other than Item 6) Code											
8. Name and Address of Contractor (No., Street, County, and Zip Code) TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES				(X)		9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. DG133A-05-RP-1038									
				X		9B. Date (See Item 11) Jan 13, 2005									
						10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.									
						10B. Date (See Item 13)									
Code		Facility Code													
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.															
12. Accounting and Appropriation Data (if required) \$															
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14. Description of Amendment/Modification (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)															
1. The purpose of this Amendment is to revise the Solicitation as follows:															
SECTION B															
LOT II, OPTION V CLIN 0009A is corrected to read: "Option to extend the High Performance Computing System(s) in accordance with Section C.9.3, Statement of Need, for a period of one year from expiration of CLIN 0009 ." Page B-3 should be removed and replaced with the revised Page B-3.															
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.															
15A. Name and Title of Signer (Type or Print)				16A. Name and title of Contracting Officer (Type or Print)											
15B. Contractor/Offoror		15C. Date Signed		16B. United States of America		16C. Date Signed									
(Signature of person authorized to sign)				(Signature of Contracting Officer)											
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NOTE F – the interest rate cited in the second paragraph is changed from 4.4% to 3.9%. Page B-6 should be removed and replaced with the revised Page B-6.

SECTION C

The following is a summary of the revisions to Section C. Because of the number of changes, a revised Section C, in its entirety is attached to this Amendment and supersedes Section C in the RFP. The changes to the attached revised Section C have been highlighted in blue.

C.4.3 – seventh sentence of first paragraph is changed to read: “The Government requires 6% of the **cumulative annual “Total” funding amount (the far right-hand column) cited in Table I below** be reserved.”

C.5.1.2 – Throughout this section, “development” has been changed to “interactive.”

C.5.1.2 - last sentence of last paragraph has been changed to read: “Early access **to initial system delivery and subsequent system upgrades** (with some Contractor provided engineering assistance) up to 6 to 9 months in advance of delivery is desirable.”

C.5.1.3 – last sentence has been changed to read: “The Contractor shall provide resources that can efficiently execute both types of codes, with the goal of minimizing the execution time of each workstream and maximizing the overall throughput when the workstreams **targeted for that subsystem** are run concurrently.”

C.5.2.4 – last sentence of fourth paragraph and last sentence of sixth paragraph are changed to read: “**The Government desires a transparent migration of this legacy archive to the new HSMS, maintaining the present filesystem image.** The Contractor shall make arrangements to keep this data available **during the transition**, potentially at a reduced level of performance.”

C.5.2.4 – second sentence of the ninth paragraph is changed to read: “. Initially, per Subsystem, the HSMS shall be able to support **200** million files and individual files that are up to **1 TB** in size.”

C.5.2.4 – last sentence of 11th paragraph is changed to read: “The “average search time” must apply to the method the HSMS software uses to position files.”

C.5.2.5 - first paragraph is changed to read: “The exchange of information to and from the NOAA Operations HPC is an integral part of NOAA’s overall Research, Development and Operations processes; an objective of this procurement is to preserve **and enhance** the ability to execute such exchange of information.”

C.5.2.6.3 – Table IIa has been revised to include data for FY2005, FY2006, FY2012, FY2013, and FY2014.

C.5.2.8 – next to last paragraph, last sentence has been changed to read: “It shall be possible to restore files from these backups until **the end of the file systems for which the backups are made.**”

C.5.4.1.1 – the following sentence is added to the paragraph: “The Government does not now expect significant growth in the number of simultaneous users.”

C.5.4.3 – first paragraph, seventh sentence is changed to read: “More specifically, the data required for workstreams 7, 8 and 9 **have a large intersection with** a subset of that required for workstreams 4 and 6.”

C.5.4.3 - last paragraph, fifth sentence is changed to read: “**If the workstreams are targeted for computational platforms not co-located with their current data sources**, the Contractor is required to provide any necessary bandwidth, above and beyond the bandwidth provided by the Government, for communication of this data.”

C.5.5 - this section contains numerous changes.

C.5.6.1 - this section has been revised throughout.

C.5.6.2 – second bullet, “and for the shipment” added.

C.5.6.3 – Princeton, NJ site the following added to the end of second sentence: “prior to October 2005.”

C.5.6.3 – “or NOAA’s contractors” has been deleted from the Fairmont, WV paragraph.

C.6.1.1 – this section has been revised throughout.

C.6.1.2 – variable “A” in the SLT calculation equation has been changed to read: “Availability” rather than “proposed Availability”.

C.9.5 – first sentence changed to read: “The Government requires **an option to acquire** additional expert-level engineering to address impending needs for a given workstream.”

C.10.3.2.3 – Figure 2, Growth in tape-resident files on HSMS in Princeton, and Figure 3, Growth in tape resident storage on HSMS in Princeton, have been revised.

C.10.4.3.1 – changed to read: “NOAA’s HPCS in Boulder uses the open source version of Sun Grid Engine (SGE). Currently version **6** is in use on the primary set of clusters. A custom prescheduler is used to manage jobs based upon the account specified by the user. Accounts are given a maximum number of CPUs to be in use at any given point in time, a maximum number of jobs in use at any given point in time, a maximum job length and maximum priority. Certain accounts are also given dedicated resources (**DELETED**). Accounts are members of classes (classes can be members of classes as well), classes have total resource limits as well that the prescheduler takes into account. The qsub command is “wrapped” with a custom script that verifies that the user is a member of the account and hasn’t exceeded any of the per-job maximums. The “wrapper” also modifies priority 0 jobs to use an alternate backfill account associated with the primary account. Typically at least 70,000 jobs per week pass through the batch system.”

Also, the following has been deleted from the end of the fifth sentence: “(this will be replaced by resource reservations with version 6).”

C.10.6, Reliability, availability and support, has been deleted. This section discussed the current reliability, availability, and support requirements at Boulder, CO, Washington, DC, and Princeton, NJ. It was determined to be of little, if any, value to the current requirements. This section has been substituted with C.10.6, Data Flows.

C.11 Appendix B – Available Government Facilities – numerous changes have been made throughout Appendix B.

SECTION J

J.1, BENCHMARK INSTRUCTIONS, has been revised in its entirety. Section J.1 from the RFP should be removed and replaced with the revised Section J.1 which is attached.

SECTION L

L.6.1.1 - Technical Proposal Organization, Tab 1 PROCUREMENT OBJECTIVES is revised to delete the first three elements. Page L-8 should be removed and replaced with the revised Page L-8.

L.15 (b)(2) - Changed to read: “Subcontracts to Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns”. Page L-21 should be removed and replaced with the revised Page L-21.

2. This Amendment also responds to vendor’s questions received since issuance of the Solicitation. These responses are included as an attachment to this Amendment. NOTE: The questions and answers are also posted to the NOAA R&D HPCS web site at:

<http://rdhpcs.noaa.gov>

If there are any disparity between the questions and answers on the web site and this Amendment, this Amendment shall prevail. Answers to previous questions not provided with this Amendment, and any additional questions received will be responded to in a subsequent Amendment.

SCHEDULE

Item No.	Supplies/Services	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount